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To Whom It May Concern

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air "Stolen Honor," a frankly partisan, blatantly inaccurate, anti-John Kerry documentary just a few short weeks before the presidential election, is a clear example of egregious misuse of the public airwaves, which are provided to Sinclair free of charge in exchange for the company's obligation to serve the public interest.

When just a few, enormous companies virtually control the airwaves, the result can be misleading propaganda such as "Stolen Honor" masquerading as informational programming, instead of accurate, unbiased public information that could benefit our citizenry and strengthen our democracy.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Sincerely,

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